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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON ISRAELI AIR RAIDS

REF: A. STATE 289616 B. USUN 6754

1. MET WITH AMBASSADOR SIDI 'ALI, DIRECTOR POLITICAL DIVISION MINISTRY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LATE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 16 TO DISCUSS SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON ISRAELI AIR RAIDS. SIDI 'ALI, WHO RETURNED FROM NEW YORK ON ELEVENTH AND WHO IS DEPARTING SEVENTEENTH TO REPRESENT MAURITANIA AT OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS, IS CURRENTLY NUMBER TWO IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. DRAWING ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S TWO STATEMENTS AND ON MATERIAL IN INSTRUCTION TELEGRAM, I MADE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF US POSITION AND REASONS UNDERLYING OUR DECISION TO VETO UNBALANCED SC RESOLUTION. NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT WHILE US CONSIDERED MASSIVE ISRAELI AIR ATTACKS DISPROPORTIONATE TO PROVOCATION, WE BELIEVED RESOLUTION WHICH IGNORED CONTEXT COULD ONLY MAKE SEARCH FOR LONG-RUN RESOLUTION MID EAST PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT.

3. AT CONCLUSION PRESENTATION, I HANDED SID 'ALI

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SEVERAL COPIES OF FRENCH TEXT OF US PERMREP'S BEFORE

AND AFTER VOTE STATEMENTS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT
AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER WILL READ BOTH TEXTS, AND
AM MOST GRATEFUL TO USUN FOR PROMPT RESPONSE TO
OUR REQUEST FOR FRENCH TRANSLATIONS.

4. SIDI 'ALI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION OF US
POSITION. HE OBSERVED GIRM GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD US STANCE ON
MID-EAST AND REASONS THEREFOR. HE NOTED GIRM FREQUENTLY
DISAGREED WITH US POSITION, BUT ALWAYS FOUND FURTHER
PRECISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS OF US VIEW MOST USEFUL.
HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR US DECISION
TO FOLLOW GENERAL SC EXPLANATION WITH BILATERAL
PRESENTATION TO GIRM, CHARACTERIZING MOVE AS INDICATION
OF GROWING UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US
AND MAURITANIA. HE INDICATED IN CLOSING THAT HE WOULD
REPORT MY APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTER, AND HAND HIM
TEXT OF TWO US STATEMENTS.HANDYSIDE

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